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Re: BLOOMBERG, Martin David  
HOUSTON-MCMILLAN, Mark Stewart  
New United States Patent Application  
Filed: Concurrently herewith  
Title: Circuit Balancing Valve

Attorney Client No. P52603

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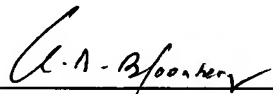
Other Publications

Fisher et al. – Agricultural Compounds, January 11, 1994 (pages 1 to 8)

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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